

CORPORATION BILL BITTERLY FOUGHT

But No One Has Openly Explained What Is Wrong With the Measure.

Section 1.—Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Indiana, that no corporation organized in any other state shall have or exercise any power, authority or privilege in this state which is not possessed by corporations of the same class organized in this state.

Section 2.—No corporation shall have or exercise any power, authority or privilege in this state which it does not have in the state in which it is incorporated, and such corporation is hereby expressly prohibited from doing anything in this state which it might not lawfully do in the state of its incorporation.

(Palladium Special)

Indianapolis, Feb. 17.—What is there wrong about the above bill, which will go down in Indiana legislative history as Bill No. 165, against which there has been the most determined corporation lobby ever known in Indiana politics?

Nobody has yet volunteered on the floor of either house any specific objection to it.

What is there right about it? Nobody has yet volunteered any specific defense of the bill, not even Senator Proctor—its father who frankly admitted before the house committee on corporations he could not explain its provisions. When Representative Paris, of the Republican minority asked for an explanation for the bill in the house Thursday everyone was mute.

Right, or wrong, the house Republicans ably assisted by many Democrats amended the bill sixty different ways Thursday and sent it back to the house committee on corporations for consideration. It is probable its injuries will prove fatal, but if it does recover it will be returned to the senate in such an enfeebled condition that the coterie of corporation senators who are hiding in wait for it will have an easy time to dispatch it quickly.

If the bill is a good bill, then Joseph Cravens deserves a Carnegie medal, while Adam Wise is the Brutus and Jesse Eschbach the Cassius of this noble creation of Senator Proctor's. But if the bill is a vicious bill then Cravens must perform assume the role of a modern Esau, while Wise and Eschbach are to be enrolled at the top of a long list of patriots.

The evidence on either side is purely circumstantial, but upon such a man has been hung by the neck until dead.

Protection For Public.

That it is a bill in behalf of the rights of the public and the state and would prevent Indiana from becoming the asylum of lawbreaking corporations is given color by the unusual and violent opposition to it by corporation attorneys and lobbyists who are always exercised every time "vested rights" are in jeopardy. In other words, the bill is loved for the enemies it has made.

That is a bill conceived in iniquity and darkness and having base motives behind it is born out by the fact that nobody appears who will tell why it was framed or introduced, what is its intent or the exigency which called it forth. A bill which cannot be explained, or, what is worse, which won't be explained is usually a bad bill.

And so, in the language of Bill Flynn, "Moreover on the other hand, I think you are right."

The bill was reported out of committee Thursday in the house and trouble began with its appearance. That much, at least, is definite. The bill spells trouble. A minority of the committee composed of the Republican members reported in favor of its indefinite postponement. This did not suit the majority of the house, for even its enemies wanted to get a whack at it. So the minority report was tabled by a vote of 54 to 41.

Was No Response.

Then Representative Paris arose and wanted some of the corporation committee to explain its whence and where. No response. He then extended his invitation so as to include any one in the house, but the silence was just as great. He then declared that so far as he was concerned he would not vote for any bill that nobody could explain, but everybody wanted. He would die first.

This was the cue for Representative Wise, who understood the bill, but wouldn't tell. He thought the bill was not comprehensive enough in its provisions. It applied only to for-

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sign corporations organized in other states, and Wise insisted that some low-browed corporation organized in Timbuctoo for the preservation of fig leaves, or a soulless institution incorporated to utilize the water power of the falls of Zambesi, might slip into Indiana over night and proceed to do things not permitted an incorporation of Churnbusco. Representative Wise feared the Hamburg-American line would endeavor to put one over the amusement park at Broad Ripple by running a trans-Atlantic steamer up White river to Kingman's. All these fears induced him to offer an amendment that would prevent any foreign corporation, organized anywhere in the wide world, from doing anything forbidden in the bill.

Cravens walked up to the speaker's desk and hummed a hymn about this being a scheme to get the bill back in the senate for final slaughter. Wise recognized the familiar tune and replied with some warmth that he disliked Cravens' questioning his motives which were the purest. Cravens moved to table Wise's globe-trotting amendment but the house was in no humor to be trifled with and they tabled Cravens' motion.

Would Let None Escape.

Eschbach took a survey of the field and found that while the bill applied to corporations organized in any state in the Union and in any other nation or Central American revolution, it did not prohibit corporations organized in territories were perfect ladies and would not make any scandal in Indiana, so he moved to table Eschbach's amendment. But the house was determined to let no corporation escape and it tables Keegan's motion.

Wider came to bat with the suggestion that Postmaster General Hitchcock or Speaker Cannon might organize an octopus in the District of Columbia which would seek to run amuck and devastate Elkhart, Nappanee or Wakarusa, so he put the District of Columbia in the blue book.

By this time Cravens was beside himself with grief over the cruel and inhuman treatment accorded the bill and he moved it be recommitted to the committee for arnica and witch hazel. Even this was challenged by Paris, who thought the poor thing was suffering and should be steppen on. But the house relented and Cravens' motion to recommit was carried by a vote of 49 to 41.

And the house moved on to realms of higher thought and deeper statesmanship by taking up the question of woman's suffrage.

Read Hanes' Public Sale ad on page 6.

KNIGHTSTOWN WILL HAVE NEW CITIZEN

James Jordan, an unfortunate who has spent much of his time in the county jail serving sentences for public intoxication, has shaken the dust of Wayne county from his feet and hereafter will be a resident of Knightstown. He was released from the county institution on Friday as a result of activities in his behalf by Mary Frame Selby.

His term was not up until June 5, but on his promise to remain away from the city, Mayor Zimmerman, who was approached by Mrs. Selby, signed his release. The expense attached to sending his goods from the city and furnishing him with a ticket to Knightstown was incurred by a local banker. Jordan's relatives will assist him. Those who are interested in his welfare believe that now he is in a "dry" community, he will be able to reform.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

CURRY—Mrs. Tamer Curry, aged 86, of Chicago died on Friday morning at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ellen Foster. The deceased is survived by two sisters and a daughter. She was active in the Bethel A. M. E. church until about three years ago when she moved to Chicago. The funeral arrangements will be announced later.

WATSON—Elizabeth Watson, 81 years old, the widow of the late James Watson, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lake Watson, at Mayville, N. D., Wednesday. The remains will arrive in Richmond, Saturday. The funeral services are to be held at Elkhorn chapel, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Burial will be in the Elkhorn cemetery.

HAPNER—Henry H. Hapner, 73 years old, died at his home three miles east of Richmond, Thursday afternoon. Paralysis was the cause of death. A wife, three sons, and five daughters survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Ware's Chapel, near Gettysburg, O. It will leave the home at nine o'clock in the morning. The deceased was a member of Company "E," Fifth Ohio Cavalry.

DICKS—Isabel Dicks, 86 years old, 112 North Seventh street, died Friday. One son, William Dicks, with whom she made her home, and one sister, Mrs. Lydia Wolfe, of Kensington, Kansas, survives the deceased. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of the son. The Rev. Abraham Mariatt, of Connersville, a relative, will conduct the services. Burial will be at Earlham cemetery.

Marriage License.

Timothy Tracy, Richmond, 24, steamer, and Allie Pouler, Richmond, 27, boarding house proprietor.

Crystallized Grasses.
Grasses may be crystallized as follows: Place a sauceman full of water on the stove and let it dissolve enough alum to make it of sufficient density to bear an egg. Let this boil. Take off the sauceman and lay your grasses (dried and tied in bunches to suit the fancy) in the water. When the water is perfectly cold lift out the bouquets and you will find them a mass of beautiful crystal.

TO LEGALIZE SALE SIX SCHOOL LOTS

Oldaker Has Measure Passed Which Affects the Richmond School City.

For the purpose of legalizing the sale of six lots, located on North Twenty-second street, made by the Richmond school city to E. L. Commons, about seven years ago, and to permit such sales both in Richmond and elsewhere in the future, Representative Oldaker of Wayne county recently introduced in the legislature a bill allowing school cities to dispose of ground not needed for school purposes. The bill has been passed by the house and is now awaiting action by the senate.

About thirty years ago when indications were that the city would extend eastward rapidly, six lots on Twenty-second street were bought by the school city in the belief that a school building would ultimately have to be erected in that vicinity and it was thought best to secure the ground when it was cheap. Later when it developed that no school building was needed in that community, the ground was sold to Mr. Commons. As there was no law in existence legalizing such sales by school cities a question at once arose as to whether the sale and purchase were valid.

The first section of the bill introduced by Representative Oldaker, which was prepared by Superintendent T. A. Mott, provides that all grounds not required for school purposes may be sold by the school city at auction to the highest bidder, and the second section legalizes all such sales made in good faith in the past.

STOCKHOLDERS OF MASONIC BUILDING

Stockholders of the Masonic building association held their annual meeting on Thursday evening at which a dividend of four per cent was declared on the capital stock of \$45,000. Officers were elected, including John Nicholson, president, Joseph L. Smith, secretary, and S. W. Gaar, A. W. Hemphill, T. H. Hill, C. P. Holton, G. R. Williams, John L. Rupe, C. E. M. Malt, John E. Peltz, John H. Nicholson and Ellwood Morris. Other business considered pertained to minor repairs which will be made to the building at Ninth and North A street, including such as painting and the like. The association owns but the one property, the Masonic temple, the first and second floors being utilized for rental and the third and fourth for lodge purposes.

DOCTOR ROLLER IS VERY BADLY HURT

Dr. B. F. Roller, of Seattle, Wash., whose wrestling pleased the fans of this city more than that of any other artist when the game was at its height here about a year ago, was seriously injured after twenty-five minutes of wrestling in the second bout at Omaha, Nebraska, last night. The match was awarded to Westergaard upon Roller's retirement. Roller won the first fall in 26 minutes and 40 seconds.

An examination of Roller's injuries by a physician following the match showed the wrestler to be seriously, but not permanently injured.

RECEIVER REPORTED

On Affairs of Vajen-Baden Helmet Company.

James M. Judcon, receiver for the Vajen-Baden company, which manufactured helmets for firemen, and which was thrown into a receivership by Henry J. Sulgrave, has filed report of the sale of the assets of the concern in the circuit court. He also petitions for an order directing him to distribute money on hand among creditors holding general claims. The concern is insolvent and will pay but a small amount on the dollar, according to the report.

The total appraised value of the concern is \$547.54. The outstanding indebtedness is \$2,241.63. The claim of Sulgrave was paid in full and amounted to \$250. In lieu of cash settlement, he accepted the letters patent on the helmet and other assets of the concern which were of the value of his claim.

RAILWAY COMPANY NOT GIVEN BLAME

The Pennsylvania railroad company was absolved from all blame in the death of Charles H. Sterrett on Tuesday by Coroner R. J. Pierce, who filed his verdict with the county clerk, George Matthews on Friday. The deceased was a brakeman on the Pennsylvania and in the course of his duties was riding on the yard engine.

As it was run onto a siding at the American Seeding Machine company's plant, he was standing out too far on the running board of the engine and was knocked off when the engine passed one of the buildings. He sustained multiple injuries from which he died at the hospital within an hour or so after the accident. Coroner Pierce in his verdict says that the man's own neglect was responsible for his death.

OLDAKER BILL TO BECOME A STATUTE

The bill of Joint Representative Oldaker of East Germantown making it possible for teachers to spend at least five days visiting other schools, attending institutes, or other educational meetings, without losing any salary for the time they are off, will pass the lower house of the legislature, according to predictions of County Superintendent, C. O. Williams and township trustees who drew up the measure. A delegation from the county attended the legislature on Thursday and were informed the bill had found general favor. The reason for the legislation is that the state board of accounts ruled a teacher could receive pay under the present statute only for the time which was actually served. In other words if they had vacated it was at their own expense, no matter what the occasion.

A ROAD SUPERVISOR

Albert Anderson has been appointed road supervisor of Wayne township district No. 6. He succeeds W. T. Mattle who will move from this district. The appointment was made by trustee James H. Howarth.

WM. ROCKEFELLER CRITICALLY ILL

(American News Service)

New York, Feb. 17.—William Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller, is under the care of physicians at his home, 685 Fifth avenue today. He is suffering from pneumonia. Mystery was thrown about his real condition by the refusal of members of the family either to affirm or deny the report that he is seriously ill.

Dr. Henry Moeller, the family physician, repeated: "I have been ordered to say nothing. I am very sorry."

When asked if he had been attending Mr. Rockefeller all the night, the physician repeated: "I have been ordered to say nothing."

Mr. Rockefeller, who is almost 70 years old, is credited with being the leader of the speculative interests in Standard Oil.

A CHARGE AGAINST H. PARKER CHANGER

The affidavit against Harry Parker of Lynn, Ind., charging assault and battery with intent to commit felony on a small Whitewater girl, will be changed to a charge of assault and battery. Parker has retained W. A. Bond and will be given a hearing next week, probably pleading guilty to assault and battery and accepting a fine.

"I'm afraid," said the critical friend, "that you will never be able to make anything out of Miss Screecher's voice."

"That's all you know about it," repeated the vocal instructor. "Why, I've made over \$200 out of it already."

—Chicago News.

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Such statement, coming from the cashier of a bank, shows what confidence responsible people have in these pills. Mr. A. L. Wilson after trying them wrote:

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POSTAL CLERKS ARE AWAITING A REPLY

The clerks of the Richmond post office are eagerly awaiting a response from the department officials at Washington regarding the vote taken for the closing of the office on Sunday, confident that when word is received it will be in the nature of an order allowing them a day of rest on the first day of the week.

The result of the vote was sent to Washington by Postmaster Haas some time ago, and a reply is expected at any time.

The fact that an order has been received at Indianapolis closing the office in that city on Sunday has been of great influence in leading the local

clerks to believe that the departmental officials will act favorably on the matter here. The Indianapolis vote was only approximately 22,000 out of a population of about 233,000 while the vote here totaled in the neighborhood of 8,500 out of a population of 22,343.

JUDGE FOX AGAIN AT COURT HOUSE

Judge H. C. Fox who has been compelled to remain at his home for several days as a result of injuries sustained in a fall on the court house stairs, is again able to be back at his office. His left arm is carried in a sling. It is black and blue from the shoulder down.

It is too long a story to tell of all the different methods resorted to for the cure of constipation, ranging, as they do, from massage to stomach pads and from simple salts to powerful cathartics. It is only after a person has tried these makeshift methods that he begins to realize how futile they are.

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